

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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UNCLE SEAN NEEDS YOU!

The Governor is looking for three good people to fill upcoming vacancies that are appointed by the governor to the Advisory Council on Libraries. AkLA fills five positions and the governor appoints six positions on the Council. If you or one of your library patrons or supporters is interested in statewide library issues, this is an opportunity to make a difference.

The three positions represent broad categories of library users: library trustees/rural areas, disabled users, and public library users. Each term starts in January 2010, is for three years, and has an option to be reappointed for a second term. The Council generally meets once a year in person and once a year by audioconference.

To see the list of vacancies, go to: <http://gov.state.ak.us/boards/vacancy/vacancy.pdf>
For information about the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries, go to the listing for Libraries, Advisory Council at: <http://gov.state.ak.us/boards/list.php>
To apply online or to print a form to apply by fax or mail, go to:
<http://gov.state.ak.us/boards/>. (Thanks to Patience Frederiksen for this item)

STATE LIBRARY TWITTER LISTS

The microblogging service Twitter recently implemented a list feature that allows subscribers to categorize who they are following. The Alaska State Library has established several lists that may be useful to you or your patrons:

Alaska Politicians - <http://twitter.com/@AKStateLibrary/alaska-politicians>
Alaska Media - <http://twitter.com/@AKStateLibrary/alaska-media>
Alaska State Agencies - <http://twitter.com/@AKStateLibrary/alaska-agencies>
Libraries - <http://twitter.com/@AKStateLibrary/libraries>

Museums - <http://twitter.com/@AKStateLibrary/museums>

If you are aware of an Alaskan institution that falls into one of the categories above that isn't on its respective list, please let us know.

SEALASKA HERITAGE INSTITUTE (SHI) LECTURE SERIES AND VIDEO

The Sealaska Heritage Institute started a lecture series this week that will focus on Alaska Native issues. The first lunchtime lecture was given by Byron Mallot about ANCSA and Native Corporations. A video of his lecture can be found at http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/news/video_on_SHI.htm. Subsequent lectures will also be videorecorded and posted to the internet. For a full list of lectures please visit http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/news/news_article_2009_lecture_series_sponsored.htm.

If your library, archives or museum is posting audio or video programs to the internet, please drop a line to *Friday Bulletin* and we'll share the link with your colleagues.

GOOD NEWS FROM MAT-SU

Mat-Su librarians Pat Kilmain (Palmer Public Library) and KJ Martin-Albright (Wasilla Public Library) were recently featured in two favorable articles in the Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman. If you're ready for a shot of good library news that includes supportive city councils please check out:

Popular place (Palmer) by Greg Johnson
Frontiersman

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http://frontiersman.com/articles/2009/11/03/valley_life/doc4aefc89216d84323283228.txt

Check it out (Wasilla) by Greg Johnson
Frontiersman

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http://frontiersman.com/articles/2009/10/27/valley_life/doc4ae68658d041d759480766.txt

If your library, archives, or museum has gotten some press you would like to share, please send a note to the *Friday Bulletin*.

GRANT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES – BOOKS ACROSS AMERICA AWARDS

The NEA Foundation is accepting applications for the Books Across America Library Books Awards. Presented in collaboration with the National Educational Association, Books Across America will make approximately fifty awards of \$1,000 to public schools serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase books for school libraries.

Applicants must be practicing preK-12 school librarians, teachers, or education support professionals. To be eligible, seventy percent of students in applicant schools must be eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program. Applications are due November 20, 2008. <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/books-across-america/> (From Washington State Library Update, November 4, 2009)

GRANT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES FROM LAURA BUSH FOUNDATION

The goal of the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries is to provide print books to the K-12 school libraries and students that most need them. Grants of up to \$6,000 are offered to update, extend, and diversify the book collections of school libraries throughout the United States. Preference is given to elementary, middle, or high schools in which 90% or more of the school population receives free or reduced lunch.

Funds are available only for library books and magazine/serial copies and subscriptions; requests for staffing, shelving, furniture, equipment, software, videos, classroom book sets, or exams are not considered. All grants are made to individual schools rather than to school districts, foundations, or other entities. The application deadline is December 31, 2009. <http://www.laurabushfoundation.org/web2/> (From Washington State Library Update, November 4, 2009)

FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION NEXT WEEK (ALL TIMES AK)

Tuesday, November 10, 2009, (9-10 am) *Best Practices in Helping Job Seekers in the Library* (Infopeople Webinar)

Your library has been helping the unemployed and underemployed (aka job seekers) in your community for a long time. However, the declining economy over the past year has dramatically increased the demands on library staff, services, and resources. Would you like to learn about some successful programs in other libraries? Do you wonder if there are some new ideas you could try for getting patrons started? Would you like to know the resources other libraries recommend to job seekers? Are you interested in partnerships but feel unsure who to talk to? This webinar will help you by introducing three successful programs, giving you a fresh look at getting started in helping job seekers, providing information about some "best resources", and exploring agencies and organizations you may consider partnering with. For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://infopeople.org/training/webcasts/list>

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 (12:00-1:00pm) *Emergency Preparedness Basics for Libraries* (Texas State Library)

Join Dr. Julie Todaro, long-time library consultant and current academic library head, as she gives library staff a short list of essentials associated with emergency management for the library. Julie will share tips from her book, *Emergency Preparedness for Libraries*. Julie's book offers libraries a tool for examining various emergency and disaster scenarios. It is unique in its emphasis on how library management may prepare for and respond to foreseen and unforeseen circumstances. To register go to. <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/workshops/emergencybasicslibraries/index.html>

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 (3-4 pm) *Marketing Your Library on the Web*
ALSC Student Session: Marketing Your Library on the Web (OPAL)

Where is the first place you go when you want information? The internet of course! Join us for an enlightening discussion about how to market your library programs electronically, getting parents and caregivers the information they need through a medium they are already comfortable with. Learn about cool new tools on the Web, as

well as how to use these tools to their fullest. For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.opal-online.org/progschnono.htm>

Wednesday November 11, 2009 (9- 10 am) *Proposal Writing Basics*

Foundation Center's free webinar provides instruction on the key components of a proposal to a foundation or corporation and answers questions that first-timers often have about the process of applying for a grant. To register:

http://www.foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/webinars/pwb_webinar.html

Wednesday, November 11 (11-12 pm) *NIH Senior Health* (National Library of Medicine) NIH Senior Health.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region is presenting a new series of online classes. Once a month in 2009, liaisons will present information and exercises on various databases from the National Library of Medicine in an hour-long web conference. All classes are free and no registration is required. You will simply need 1) a computer with Internet access and 2) a phone (the system will call you - free of charge). To join the webinar, go to: <https://webmeeting.nih.gov/mcrupdate/> on the day of the program.

Thursday, November 12 (12-1 pm) *Sweet Talk: Romance Fiction in the Library* (Booklist Webinar)

Romance is hot . . . in the library, that is. Join Donna Seaman, Booklist's romance fiction editor and a panel of librarians, authors, and publishers to discuss the state of the genre—in public libraries and in the marketplace. Panelists include John Charles, Reference Librarian, Scottsdale (AZ) Public Library; Shelley Mosley, Adjunct Librarian at Glendale (AZ) Community College; Madeline Hunter, best-selling author of 17 historical romances; Kayleigh George, Library Marketing Coordinator at HarperCollins Publishers; and Cheryl Herman, Library Marketing Director, Books on Tape and Listening Library (Random House). or more information and to register for this program, go to

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/354863994>

Thursday, November 12, 2009 *Proposal Budgeting Basics* (9:00 – 10:00 am)

Foundation Center's free webinar teaches the essentials of budget preparation and presentation in a grant proposal, including compiling both expense and income elements.

To register:

http://www.foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/webinars/pbb_webinar.html

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